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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: MEETING OF WESTERN DISARMAMENT
DELEGATIONS

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1. ENLARGED GROUP OF WESTERN DISARMAMENT DELEGATIONS
INCLUDING US, EC-9, CANADA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND MET NOV 5 PER CCD GROUP AGREEMENT. WHILE MEETING
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BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND, ACTIVE AND GENERALLY INFORMATIVE

FRENCH PARTICIPATION (SCALABRE AND MISTRAL) WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY, SINCE GROUP WAS CREATED PRIMARILY TO RESPOND TO EXPRESSED FRENCH INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES. AMONG OTHER NEW MEMBERS OF GROUP, BELGIANS, AUSTRALIANS, AND DANES WERE MOST ACTIVE. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING FOLLOW. (DISCUSSION OF AUSTRALIAN CTB RESOLUTION BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.)

2. SOVIET CTB INITIATIVE. KEVIN (AUSTRALIA) SAID HIS DELEGATION DID NOT WANT SOVIET CTB TREATY AND RESOLUTION TO BE FOCUS OF ATTENTION; HE WANTED NEW SOVIET DRAFT AND REVIVED SWEDISH DRAFT REFERRED TO CCD IN NEUTRAL MANNER. SCALABRE SAID SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS NOT PROBLEM FOR FRANCE: "WE WILL ABSTAIN." MARTIN (US) NOTED THAT SOVIET DRAFT TREATY WAS ESSENTIALLY A CODIFICATION OF KNOWN POSITIONS WHICH DID NOT MEET U.S. REQUIREMENTS.

3. SOVIET INITIATIVE ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. BARTON (CANADA) SAID HE ASSUMED ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT EXPECTED TO ABSTAIN AND WAS NOT CONTRADICTED, ALTHOUGH KEVIN SAID AUSTRALIA DID NOT HAVE FINAL POSITION. MARTIN SAID THE US WAS CONTINUING TO SEEK MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION FROM SOVIETS OF WEAPONS AND SYSTEMS TO BE COVERED UNDER TREATY. SCHLAICH (FRG) REFERRED TO SUGGESTION IN FRG FIRST COMMITTEE STATEMENT THAT A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS BE CONVENED TO EXAMINE SUBJECT BEFORE IT WAS REFERRED TO A NEGOTIATING BODY. THE DANISH REP ENDORSED THIS IDEA. SCALABRE SAID FRANCE WOULD ABSTAIN ON RES IN PRESENT FORM, ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT FRANCE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT REFERRAL TO GROUP OF SCIENTISTS RATHER THAN TO CCD.

4. POLISH CHEMICAL WEAPONS RESOLUTION. MEERBURG (NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER PRE-AMBULAR PARAGRAPH ALLEGING THAT EXISTING PROPOSALS CONSTITUTE "SUFFICIENT BASIS" FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF CW AGREEMENT. MARTIN NOTED THAT, WHILE US WAS STILL EXAMINING DRAFT, PRELIMINARY VIEW WAS THAT IT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS.

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5. ROMANIAN RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ARMS RACE (ESCAR). SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED VIEW THIS WAS UNNECESSARY RES, ONE NOTING THAT RELATIVELY SHORT TIME HAD ELAPSED SINCE PREPARATION OF ESCAR REPORT. ALLEN (UK) AND BARTON AGREED THAT RESOLUTION'S LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR RE-INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON AGENDA OF NEXT UNGA (RATHER THAN CURRENT BIENNIAL CONSIDERATION) WAS

UNDESIRABLE.

6. SWEDISH NAPALM RESOLUTION. BARTON SAID SWEDES WERE CIRCULATING DRAFT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO BE PROCEDURAL AND NON-CONTENTIOUS, EARLY IN SESSION IN HOPE OF GAINING NOT ONLY SUPPORT BUT COSPONSORSHIP OF MAJOR WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO FORESTALL RADICAL REVISIONS BY NONALIGNED ACTIVISTS. HE NOTED THAT SWEDEN WAS ALREADY FACING STRONG PRESSURE TO RESTORE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO NAPALM WHICH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT YEAR'S UNGA. TAYLOR (UK) SAID THAT MOVE FROM ABSTENTION LAST YEAR TO COSPONSORSHIP THIS YEAR COULD BE MISREAD AS BASIC CHANGE OF POSITION. HE WARNED THAT COUNTRIES SO MOVING MIGHT BE ASKED TO MAKE CONCRETE WEAPONS LIMITATION PROPOSALS IN LAWS OF WAR CONTEXT. MOYNIHAN

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